



Wisconsin Ag News – Hay Stocks

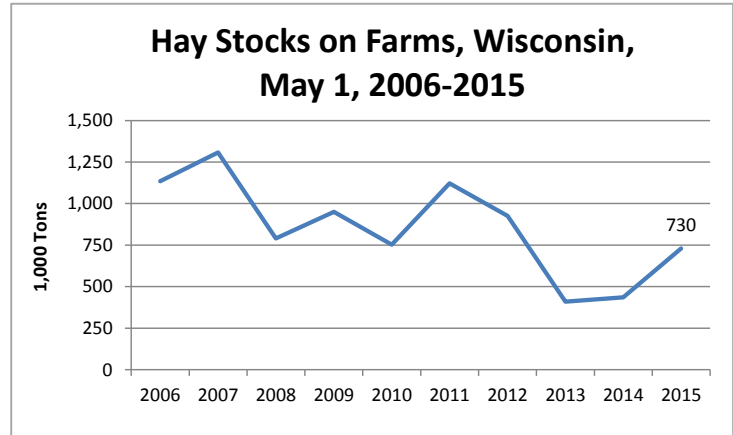
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Dry hay stored on Wisconsin farms as of May 1, 2015, is estimated at 730 thousand tons, an increase of 68 percent from May 2014, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. This is the third lowest May stocks level since records began in 1950, behind only 2013 and 2014. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 – May 1, 2015, totaled 2.23 million tons, down 10 percent from the 2.47 million tons for the same period a year earlier.



Hay Stocks on Farms – Wisconsin and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2013-2015

	December 1		May 1	
	2013	2014	2014	2015
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Wisconsin	2,900	2,960	435	730
United States	89,304	92,052	19,176	24,517

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Hay stocks on farms: All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2015, totaled 24.5 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015 totaled 67.5 million tons, compared with 70.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

May 1 hay stocks levels were record-lows in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

May 1 hay stocks were up from the previous year as improved weather conditions in 2014 led to larger production totals in many States. However, the eastern third of the Nation saw declines in stocks levels in a number of States. Notable declines occurred in the Northeast where winter conditions persisted into early April requiring additional supplemental feeding.